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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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E.O. 11652; N/A

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SUBJECT: WHALE CATCH BY NATIONS NOT MEMBERS OF IWC

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN FIGURES AS TO NUMBER OF WHALES TAKEN BY HOST COUNTRY DURING 1976 SEASON. IF WHALING SEASON HAS NOT YET ENDED, WHEN WILL IT END? FYI. AS DESCRIBED IN REFAIR, HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO FISHING PRODUCT EMBARGO FOUND IN PELLY AMENDMENT TO FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967. IF A DISCUSSION DEVELOPS WHEN REQUESTING THE INFORMATION, EMBASSY OFFICER, USING REFAIR, SHOULD (1) ENCOURAGE HOST COUNTRY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC) AND (2) MAKE IT CLEAR, AS APPROPRIATE, THAT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE IS REQUIRED UNDER PELLY AMENDMENT TO CERTIFY ANY MEANINGFUL TAKE OF WHALES WHICH EXCEEDS QUOTAS SET BY IWC. END FYI

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2. FOR SEOUL: REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM ROK OFFICIALS THAT
IWC AT 28TH SESSION SET CATCH LIMIT ON MINKE WHALES IN
NORTH PACIFIC FOR 1977 SEASON. IWC ALSO NOW REQUIRES
REPORTING OF CATCH OF SMALLER CETACEANS (WHALES AND POR-
POISES). VIEW OF ROK THAT THEY NEED NOT BE MEMBERS OF IWC
BECAUSE THEY FISH MAINLY FOR MINKE WHALES IS NO LONGER
APPLICABLE. ROBINSON

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